



Shooting victim

GRANITE CITY PARAMEDICS help Robert Jakubiak, 26, of 17 Parktowne West, to a stretcher before transporting him to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was shot twice at point-blank range just before 7 a.m. Friday, after an argument at the mobile home park. Jakubiak was wounded in the neck and right shoulder. Police were searching Saturday for a suspect and car seen leaving the area. Neighbors aided the man before the arrival of an ambulance.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

BAC hikes tuition by \$2 for fall term

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Students at Belleville Area College will be paying \$2 more per credit hour for tuition.

The college's Board of Trustees voted 4-2 for the increase on Wednesday after Chancellor Bruce Wissore said gradual tuition increases were the only way to keep the district from going deeply into debt.

"I'm really concerned about the financial well-being of the district," Wissore said. He said that, because district voters turned down a proposed BAC tax increase, annual tuition raises were necessary.

"They (voters) were saying that the students pay their fair share," Wissore said of the tax increase defeat.

The college levies amounts that utilize 16 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The rate lim-

it was set in 1967.

That 16 cents is the third- or fourth-lowest (rate) in the state," said trustee Robert Dintelmann.

The tuition increase will raise \$350,000 annually, Wissore said. Beginning in August, students will pay \$28 per credit hour instead of the current \$26 rate.

Wissore projected that by the end of the next fiscal year, 1987-88, BAC would not have a fund balance and the year after that the district would have at least an \$800,000 debt, rising even higher in coming years if tuition increases are not approved.

He said BAC is still less expensive to attend than most community colleges.

Board member Elizabeth Jenner asked if annual increases would hurt the college's enrollment.

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Bruce found guilty in Hoffman murders

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Jack Gordon Bruce was found guilty Thursday of murdering Carl and Susan Hoffman. He could face life in prison without parole.

Bruce, 43, of 728 Old Alton Road, Mitchell, was convicted on two counts of murder and one count each of attempted murder and home invasion. An appeal will be sought, said Bruce's mother, Dorothy.

The jury deliberated four hours before finding Bruce guilty. Jurors examined more than 100 pieces of evidence, said Detective Sgt. Don Knight. Bruce showed no emotion as the verdicts were read.

Under state law, Bruce could be sentenced to life in prison without parole because he was convicted of murdering more than one person, said Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen.

Home invasion and attempted murder are Class X felonies that each carry prison terms of up to 30 years.

Bruce will be sentenced within 30 days by Madison County Associate Judge Charles Romani Jr.

Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone, prosecutor in the trial, changed his plans to seek the death penalty against Bruce following a problem with some unreliable evidence, according to published sources.

Trone maintained Bruce committed the murders because he lost thousands of dollars in card games to Mr. Hoffman and was unhappy about a real estate deal between them.

Connie Dennis, Bruce's former girlfriend, testified last week that Bruce lost \$7,000 to Mr. Hoffman on one occasion.

Trone said Bruce went to the Hoffman home at 1547 Rodger Ave. the night the murders to continue an argument.

"He had lost everything—and was furious," Trone said.

Family members react to verdict

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Carl and Susan Hoffman's family said Friday they were relieved following Thursday's guilty verdict against Jack Gordon Bruce.

Bruce, 43, was found guilty of the April 30 murders of the Hoffmans and the attempted murder of Mrs. Hoffman's daughter, Jennifer.

"I'm just very happy about it," said Carl's son, Gene Hoffman, 24. "It don't bring them back, but it helps."

"I'm just really glad it's over," said Mike Hoffman, 22, Carl's other son. "He (Bruce) finally got what he deserved."

"We were elated," said Hal-

den Ralls, Susan's father. "We just thanked God."

Ralls also thanked the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis and Detective Sgt. Don Knight of the Granite City Police Department for their roles in the murder investigation.

"He (Knight) was a great help to us," Ralls said.

"I'm glad it's over," Knight said. "It's a relief for the family and everybody in Granite City."

"They sure took him to the cleaners," said Bruce's mother, Dorothy. "I can't see how they could say Jack was guilty of that."

"I'm just heartbroken," she said. "He's no killer."

Trone suggested Bruce entered through the front door of the home as a friend, then shot and stabbed the couple. He fired seven shots into them, emptying a .22-caliber automatic pistol, Trone said.

The Hoffmans were stabbed after the shootings with a butcher knife from the kitchen, Trone said. Bruce was stabbed six times in the chest and his wife was stabbed 14 times in the chest and throat.

Defense attorney Paul Stormont Jr. of Belleville reminded jurors of testimony that Mr. Hoffman and Bruce were friends. He said authorities originally believed the murders were drug-related. They had to have been committed by gangland drugland killers," Stormont said.

Several witnesses testified they saw Bruce at bars in Granite City the night of the murders. Stormont said Bruce was looking for Dennis who had jilted him.

"You can't go stab and murder and have blood all over you and run in and out of bars looking for your girlfriend," Stormont said.

The gun that murdered the Hoffmans was not found. A forensic scientist testified that they were killed with a .22-caliber automatic pistol made by Jennings.

Christopher Ackfield, Bruce's son-in-law, testified for the defense that he gave Bruce a .22-caliber Jennings gun last fall. The weapon always jammed and was noisy, he said.

Trone said Bruce returned to the Hoffman house after the murders to cover his tracks. He used a crowbar to break in through a back door, he said.

A forensic scientist testified a footprint on broken glass from the door was made by a shoe found at Bruce's house. Another expert testified a crowbar found on Bruce's property was the tool used in the break-in. Layers of paint on the foot matched paint on the doorway, he said.

Police found keys to the Hoff-

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Dunbar public meetings set

By Donna Kimbro
Staff writer

MADISON — A decision on future use of Dunbar School property was delayed for another week after the Board of Education agreed Thursday night to hold two more public forum meetings.

Both meetings will be conducted at 7 p.m. by Board of Education members. The first one will be at Harris School on Wednesday, March 25, and the second on Thursday, March 26, at Blair School.

Board Member Don Garrett asked that the meetings be scheduled since there are two parties interested in the property. The board at a previous meeting agreed to sell the Dunbar School and grounds at an auction.

Garrett said Thursday that holding the two public meetings would be the best way to proceed.

Among the proposals arising after the auction decision has been a suggestion that the school district transfer Dunbar to the City of Madison for \$1.

"We heard the statement here

Tuesday night that the city would hold the property for six months to allow the Concerned Citizens to seek funds for the renovation of the building," Garrett told the school board. "However, the city could in this situation sell the property and put the money into the city funds, and we couldn't stop this" once the school district gave up the title, he said.

The citizen group wants to create senior-citizen apartments, and hopes to obtain federal funds to alter the unused school building. Henry Baucum has said he would like to bid for Dunbar and create such apartments as a profit-making venture.

Board President John Hamm read a letter Thursday night from Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols requesting that the board rescind its auction resolution and instead allow citizens an opportunity to seek funding to create a senior citizen complex.

A discussion will be held at the next school board meeting on April 2 to review the opinions voiced at the two public forums, Hamm said.

Police computer OK'd

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — After several delays, the City Council Tuesday approved the purchase of a computer for the police department.

The aldermen accepted 11-2 the low bid of \$65,512 from NCR Corp. for the system. First Ward Alderman Sam Whitmer and 6th Ward Alderwoman Judy Whitaker voted against the computer.

Third Ward Alderman Brett

Hanke was absent.

The council allocated \$66,000 for the system March 3 and decided to advertise for further proposals.

Police Chief Bill Harris said Thursday he is pleased the computer purchase was approved.

Besides being the lowest-priced system, Harris said the NCR computer was chosen because he will deal with a sin-

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Thursday, March 22, 1962
Heroism by fellow workers is credited with saving the life of a carpenter foreman overcome by carbon dioxide at the Dow Metal Products Co. in Madison. Raymond Oettle was overcome by the fumes and was pulled out of the area and revived by a team of workers.

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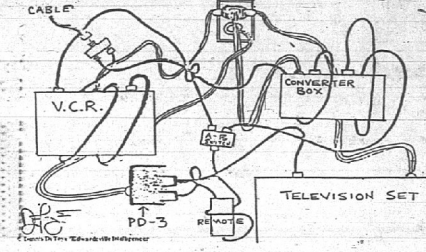
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SPRING ARRIVES. This first weekend of spring wears a summer-like mantle as the warmest winter in four years bows out.

Comment

How To Hook-Up The CENCOM PD-3



Craving pay television at heart of 'cablegate'

Several weeks ago, I was standing in my living room, befuddled, holding a handful of black cables and staring at the back of my television. Unhooked cables dangled from my old color Zenith. Only specks of colors appeared on the screen.

"Now, was it the double switcher that goes to the converter and sidetracks to the VCR or was it the A-B switch that subdivides from the VCR into the television and the PD-3 box on top of the converter?" I asked myself while scratching my head in disbelief at the penciled sketch a woman at one of the temporary cable offices gave me.

Like an innocent villager listening to a snake oil pitch, I was told the new cable system, once installed, would be one of the most "advanced" systems in the country. Better reception, better service, more channels and all for just a few dollars more.

"Yes, step right up, ladies and gentlemen; just bring me that old black box and you too can enjoy the brave new world of cable television. Easily installed in the convenience of your own home."

The actual letter the cable company sent to the area's cable subscribers was more business-like than a man in a checkered suit standing on a wooden platform pointing a cane to a mesmerized audience. But it's the same.

You kind of have to raise an eyebrow about a company that tells people, who know enough about video technology to turn on their TVs, to hook up what the company calls an advanced system. It's like a car salesman handing a buyer of a new car a bag of sparkplugs and wires and telling the buyer to hook the car up.

The truth is that the installation was not very complicated

Columnists' Club

By David Gosnell

and the advanced system is not too advanced.

What raised a storm over the recent "cablegate" controversy, was the clash between the public's love of television and its love of convenience.

Television has always been amazingly convenient. Just turn it on, wiggle an antenna, and you get free pictures and sound. For decades that was the formula. We hooked into the world, and the convenience hooked us on television.

Now we pay for TV because we love it. The cable company sells us the product because we are mesmerized by television.

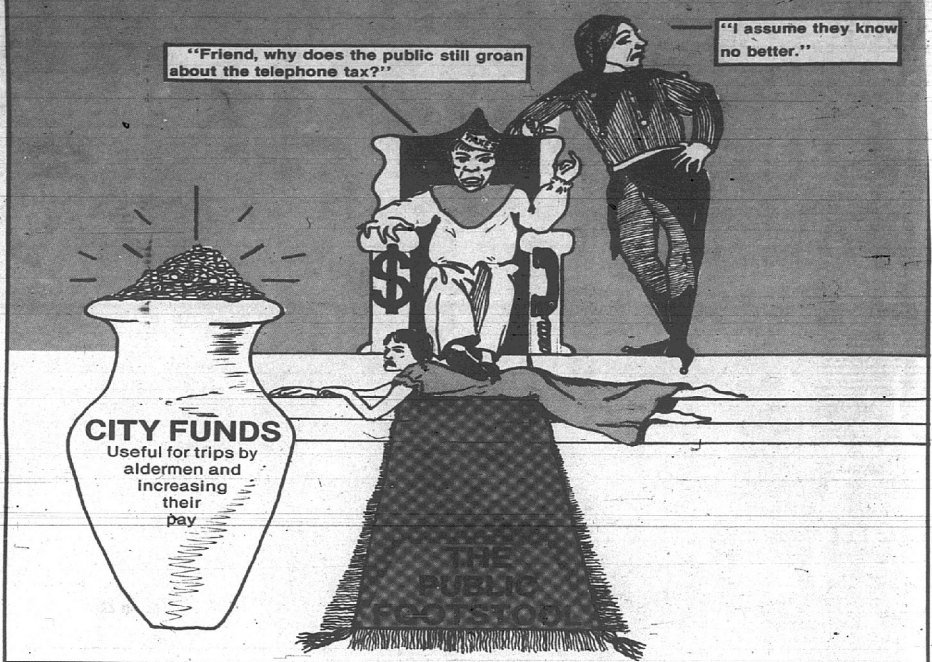
What has irked people recently was the lack of convenience. Convenience was thrown out the door by cable companies when they realized people will put up with just about anything at a price in order to get the product they crave.

The cable companies were set up like utilities, with only one per community, in order to technically give people the cable umbilical chord.

The result is not surprising. You either pay for what they do or do not offer or stick with broadcast television.

Do not expect convenience with the monopoly of cable television and do not expect anything but banal programming from convenient and free broadcast television.

The man with the cane, mesmerizing the audience, will not tell you that. It's not what you want to hear — or see.



Granite City's telephone tax revisited

Since editorial endorsements were made, some politicians have expressed interest in why the newspaper considers the telephone tax an issue in this election.

The main reason is the belief that public representatives should be accountable to the public.

The public overwhelmingly said the tax should be removed, but the majority of aldermen voted to keep it. The public should be heeded, the newspaper has stated time and again. Some aldermen say it's not that simple and here are some of the points they make:

1) The public will always vote against taxes. The newspaper believes the public is generally pre-disposed to oppose paying taxes. In the case of the telephone tax, then mayoral candidate Von Dee Cruse mounted the successful drive to remove the telephone tax. Many of the same persons now on the council did not go public with their opposition to the tax.

One alderman, Sam Whitmer, at that time did say removing the tax was a bad idea, but Cruse conducted an organized campaign and there was no organized response. Obviously, in an almost one-sided presentation against the telephone tax, it cannot be assumed all of the voters had all of the facts on the issue.

The fact that the voters may not have had all of the facts rests with those who favored keeping the tax. Whitmer did his part, but the record shows no support for the tax from the other aldermen on the council at that time.

2) The tax is needed. City Comptroller Joe Miklovic presented a dire analysis of the city's budget on the night aldermen most recently voted to keep the tax, Sept. 16. He projected a huge debt some day in the future, and indicated the telephone tax was needed to help avert the looming deficit.

3) Property taxes must be raised. The third, and frightening argument for taxpayers, is that the telephone tax is a fair tax and if it is removed look out for a property tax increase.

The three arguments are interesting, but the newspaper remains against the tax. Here's why:

Concerning the first point, people don't like taxes but occasionally even vote to increase them if the taxes are justified and fully explained, as the last vote on District 9 taxes shows. If the public was not fully informed of the reasons for keeping the telephone tax, if they indeed voted without all of the facts as has been said, it wasn't for lack of a forum for the opposition. The newspaper would have covered any organized opposition to the tax referendum just as it covered those for the measure. Aside from Whitmer, it seems some aldermen didn't see it as important during the election to mention they favored a tax.

The second argument, that the tax is needed, was bolstered by Miklovic's report. But, if told to recommend

ways to delete telephone tax money from the budget, we suspect the city's capable comptroller could do it. Cuts in the budget, such as for aldermanic trips and expense accounts, might diminish the dire need for telephone tax revenue.

Some aldermen throw out the frightening prospect of raising property taxes. Again, if frills are cut from the budget there might be no need for the telephone tax or a property tax increase.

As candidate Cruse said when advocating the abolition of the telephone tax: "Whenever they've (the aldermen) got a financial problem, they just add another tax... I don't think they take a real hard look at their budget before they put these taxes into place... I think what should come to mind is how we can be more frugal with our money."

Is the tax really needed by the city?

We suspect, as we think most voters do, that the city could get by without the tax and without tragic consequences. But there are those who offer good reasons for keeping the tax. Maybe, after a thorough review, it could be shown the majority of the money is needed. We have never disputed that point.

We also don't dispute the point, raised by Whitmer, that the tax is fair. As taxes go, it seems to be fair and no particularly great burden to most persons.

But the one point that keeps us against the tax is the public's vote. Aldermen almost always vote their conscience. That's as it should be because, aside from a few phone calls, that's all they've usually got to go with in making a vote. But in the case of the telephone tax they had a mandate from the public on how to vote. If the public cast an uninformed vote, it's because there was no vocal opposition to the tax and it seems that for aldermen to oppose the tax — after the fact — does injury to the public's will.

Aldermen voted, then, from our perspective is important because it directly reflects upon how willing the aldermen are to listen to the voters. No matter how convincing arguments to keep the tax may have been, the overriding consideration should have been the public's will.

Some aldermen see it otherwise, but how the public sees it is what is important. The issue of the telephone tax was brought out in this election because this is the first time the public has had a chance to respond to those who voted against the tax.

Now that the public has heard so much about the tax during the past two years, including the pros and cons, it will be up to the public to decide how to react.

This time, when the public goes to the polls, the aldermen will be forced to abide by the will of the people.

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Letters

Proud of outstanding Venice athletes

To the editor:
As a native of Venice, allow me to congratulate Coach Harris and his Red Devil basketball team for their outstanding performance during the recent Illinois high school basketball tournament.

As luck would have it, I found myself out-of-town during the championship round. However, thanks to the use of satellite technology and WGN Television, I and a group of strangers were able to view the semifinal and

championship rounds of the tournament.

As I sat there some 3,000 miles from home it struck me as wonderful that virtually everyone around me was getting their first glimpse of basketball-Red Devil style.

I wondered how many hundreds of thousands of people, either by choice or by chance, were getting the same opportunity as those around me.

Needless to say, I quickly let the people I was with know of

my Venice roots and pride in the city and the team.

With great pleasure, I pointed out the fact that both schools in the championship game were from the same area of the state.

Coaches, players, cheerleader and fans — you made me proud to be in your triumph. Good luck to you all.

THOMAS HOOKS
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Collinsville 62234

Home plan can harm taxes, services

To the editor:
Quiet Valley residents please attend the Pontoon Beach Village board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 24.

It concerns zoning of land belonging to Quality Sound, Inc., 162, where it is proposed to put in 350 mobile homes.

This will affect policing, for which we're already taxed extra

on our electric bills, and the fire department, which is volunteer at the moment.

This will create a large workload. It will affect the sewer department and sewer district, which is already inadequate. And what happens to our water?

It will affect taxes; mobile homes pay no real estate taxes

or major taxes to School District 9, where classrooms are already loaded.

Do we add another 200 or 300 students in District 9, with little or no added taxes? I think not.

Please attend on March 24.

JIM HILL
1118 Ave.
Pontoon Beach

Abolish all taxes except income tax

To the editor:
We have heard much political rhetoric recently about tax reform and tax simplification. Unfortunately, what we have heard and seen accomplished is nothing more than "political gibberish."

The Reagan Administration speaks of revenue enhancers and the Thompson Administration speaks of revenue-positive tax reform (RFT-R), but when all is said and done it is a tax increase they speak of and not reform or simplification.

The tax system in Illinois is the biggest mish-mash imaginable. We have a sales tax of which it is reported about half goes uncollected, "sin taxes" on cigarettes and alcohol, etc., use taxes such as gas and the much-loved utility tax.

We have real estate taxes which have been so politicized that the poor can't pay, the elderly can't pay, young families can't pay, and farmers can't pay, even with all the farmland

tax changes, homestead exemptions, a blue-ribbon tax reform commission and SB 1790 exemptions.

Everyone accepts the assessor's assessment of the property value without question. We also love the multipliers that are applied to our assessments. And we have the income tax: very simple, very straightforward, no subjective evaluations and the only fair and equitable tax in existence.

The governor recently appointed a blue-ribbon tax reform committee headed by Doug Whitley of the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, with some of our local legislators being members of the commission. Why the obvious didn't "slap them in the face," I'll never know.

The answer is so simple: The state won't do it because, the more the different taxes the more difficult it is for the taxpayer to see what is being paid. The simple solution is to abolish all taxes with the exception

of income tax and introduce revenue-neutral tax reform by simply raising the income tax to replace revenue from all of the others.

It would probably put some bureaucrats out of a job and it would probably bring in more revenue. Maybe it's worth a try.

We have some distinguished legislators in the 49th, 55th, 56th and 57th districts. Some are in leadership positions, and some are party spokesmen; all need to become statesmen.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if the 12 legislators in our districts put partisan politics aside and co-sponsored a bill to abolish all other state taxes except income tax and make the tax change revenue-neutral?

This would not be party legislation and it wouldn't be for political gain; it would be for Illinois and for Illinoisans.

MARVIN L. FRANCE
R.R. 2, Troy



(Staff photo by Bill Bagby)
GERMAN BUSINESSMEN Wolfgang Petz, second from left, and Frank Tullmyn, center, visit the Slenderizers Figure Salon in Granite City March 19. Also pictured, far left, is George Taylor, co-owner of the salon, and, far right, Tim Chance, sales manager.

German businessmen visit city

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Two West German businessmen visited Granite City March 12 to observe the operation of a local health and fitness salon.

Wolfgang Petz and Frank Tullmyn, of the Sunliner Co. of Cologne, West Germany, visited the Slenderizers Figure Salon, 3659 Nameoki Road, to review Slenderizers' equipment for dis-

tribution in Germany and to see how an efficient salon is operated, said Tim Chance, sales manager for Slenderizers.

Of the 13 salons the German men had visited, Tullmyn said, the Granite City salon, owned by George and Gerry Taylor, was the most professionally operated.

Petz and Tullmyn were in the United States March 8-15. Sunliner Co. specializes in the planning, advising, manufacturing, sale and service of tanning,

sports and fitness equipment. Petz, 33, is president of the company and Tullmyn, 23, is export manager.

Slenderizers uses motorized calisthenics tables in the exercise and fitness program. Petz and Tullmyn plan to incorporate Slenderizers equipment into their program, Chance said.

The Taylors' business is the top Slenderizers salon in the nation, Chance said.

Alanna Browley in competition

Alanna Browley, a senior student at Madison High, has been selected to compete in the Olympia nationwide scholastic typing contest.

The typing competition is held at state and national levels. Each participating school will select one student to represent it in the state championship contest.

The typing test for this level of competition will be administered by designated business education teachers at each school. All official entrants will be awarded certificates of participation. The winner from each state will receive an Olympia electronic portable typewriter, a certificate of award, and the opportunity to compete against other state champions for the national championship.

The competition for national honors will take place in April at each contestant's school and will be performed on typewriters supplied by Olympia. These tests will include a timed writing and timed production test of a standard business letter, a tabulation from a rough draft, and a full-page memorandum.

Students will compete for cash awards of \$500 for the designated



Alanna Browley

ed national champion, \$350 for the first runner-up and \$200 for the second runner-up.

The contest is sponsored by Olympia USA, Somerville, N.J., a marketer of electronic typewriters for the school, home and office.

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Bicycle registration slated for April 11

GRANITE CITY — City residents can get their bicycles registered with the Granite City Police Department from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the police station, 2330 Madison Ave.

Children are asked to bring their parents' driver license number, which will be etched onto the bicycle, if the bike does not have a serial number.

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Nameoki churches plan events

The St. Elizabeth Ladies Sodality met in the school cafeteria, with President Mary Ann Gensert presiding.

Guests present were Kathy Grobowski, Kathy Lofink, Gertrude Modruski, Iris Perez, Jane Jackstadt, Barb Hasty, Mary Morgan, Vicki Babic and Judy Merritt.

Marsha Chomko from the St. Elizabeth Board of Education presented plans for a gathering for senior citizens on May 15. The Ladies Sodality will prepare the dinner and provide prizes, the president said.

Guest speaker for the evening was Bob Waters of Golden Frontier Tours.

Prize winners for the evening included Rosemary Jones, Iris Perez, Nancy Norris and Renee Tanase.

The prize for best class attendance prize was won by Mrs. Silva's first grade class. Hostesses for the evening were the first grade room mothers.

The March meeting of the Nameoki United Methodist Women was held at the church, conducted by Helene Bischoff.

Lois Holsinger presented the program for the month, entitled "Difference and Conflict."

Members were reminded that Bishop Woody White would be the speaker at the March 15 evening Lenten service at the church.

It was announced that on March 16 Mrs. Alan Walker would speak at the Women's Luncheon held at the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles. Mrs. Walker is the wife of Alan Walker, a missionary serving in Australia who is in St. Louis for the "Mission to the 80s."

Alton Methodist Church on Main Street in Alton will be the location for the spring district meeting of the United Methodist Women scheduled for April.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin was led by Dorothy Wallace.

Millie Clements and Phyllis Whitehead were hostesses for the evening. Others attending were Dorothy Luckert, Luan Briner, Diana Baker, Gladys Russell, Alta Stewart and those previously mentioned.

The closing prayer was offered by Millie Clements.

Brandi Jo Tate, a daughter of Eddie and Linda Tate, celebrated her sixth birthday at a party hosted by her parents at the McDonald's Restaurant on Johnson Road.

A lunch of hamburgers, french fries, and soft drinks was served to Brandi and her guests, Tony and Terry Biggs, Jonathan Cox, Bobby and Roger Galbraith, Sarah Gieson, Erin Graham, Sammy Hannan, Christy and Rachel Martin, Joshua Milam, Ryan Moenster, Kristi Pearson and Autumn Vincent.

Games were played and prizes were won by Ryan Moenster and Christy Martin.

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Committee to meet with organizations

GRANITE CITY — A meeting with charitable organizations will be held to discuss soliciting for contributions at intersections within the city.

An ad-hoc committee dealing with the roadblock problem decided Tuesday to hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, with organizations which have participated in roadblocks or have requested one and have been denied. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

The meeting will be to discuss alternative solicitation sites and to establish standards for future requests, said 5th Ward Alderman Jake Varadian, a committee member.

City Attorney Mark Goldenberg, also on the committee, will send a letter to the organizations highlighting the state statute for

soliciting on highways within the city, Varadian said.

The statute says fund-raising agencies must be registered with Attorney General Neil Hartigan's office as a charitable organization. The law also requires local organizations be engaged in a statewide fund-raising activity, if they are to have a roadblock on a state highway in the city.

A moratorium was put on roadblocks last year by the City Council following a large number of them being requested for the intersection of Nameoki, Johnson and Fehling roads.

The ad-hoc committee was appointed by Mayor Von Dee Cruise last month. Besides Varadian and Goldenberg, the committee consists of 4th Ward Alderman Tom Hewlett and 3rd Ward Alderman Paul Fisk and Brett Hanke.

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Spelling bee winners receive dictionary

The 11th annual Elementary Spelling Bee was held March 14 at Coolidge Junior High School. A winner and a runner-up were chosen in each of the three divisions.

The second/third grade division was won by Amy Schilling, a third grader from Niedringhaus. The runner-up was Kim Horn, a third grader from Niedringhaus.

The fourth/fifth grade division was won by Kelly Lasiter, a fourth grader from Niedringhaus. The runner-up was Angela Favier, from Parkview.

The sixth grade division was won by Shawn Wallace, from Parkview, and the runner-up was Melinda Daniels, from Mitchell.

Each of the six was presented with a trophy to commemorate the event. The winner in each division also received a copy of the American Heritage Dictionary.

Other participants in the spelling bee were as follows: second/third grade division: Leann Byrd, Frohardt; Melissa Hancock, Marshall; Jarrod Duffield,

Maryville; Denise McMillan, Parkview; Tim Heuer, Prather; Jennifer Haynes, Webster; and Kim Andrews, Wilson.

Fourth/fifth grade division participants were: Emily Bridges, Frohardt; William Snyder, Marshall; Melinda Cooper, Maryville; Ronald Glasgow, Mitchell; Rebecca Helton, Prather; Sean Lewis, Webster; and Kim York, Wilson.

Sixth grade division participants were: Carrie Heck, Frohardt; Timothy Barrell, Marshall; Beth Kapoff, Maryville; Andrea Free, Niedringhaus; Kelly Phelps, Prather; Shawn Armour, Webster; and Mary Williams, Wilson.

The spelling bee was coordinated by Ellen Voyles, principal of Wilson School. The division chairpersons were Helen Schunseur, Nancy Marti and Joan Harris. Pronouncers were Helen Cook, Jerry Rhodes and Mary Dame, all from the Granite City High School English department. Judy Collins, Judy Russell, Brenda Keene, Gloria Redding, Charlotte Gauen and Al Wilson served as judges.

Adult Fellowship views Ireland film

The Adult Fellowship group of St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Clair and Dale Avenues, used a St. Patrick's Day theme for its March meeting.

Following an opening prayer by Pastor Samuel Boda, the group enjoyed refreshments and games.

A movie with a setting in Ireland, "The Quiet Man," starring John Wayne, was shown.

Guests included Carol and Paul Gendron, Doris and Larry Miskell, Esther and Mike Greco, Lena and John Papp, Dessu and John Severine, Helen and O.T. Potter, Debbie and Bob Durbin, Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik and Pastor Boda.

The next meeting is set for May 16. The group is planning to have an attorney discuss wills and living wills.

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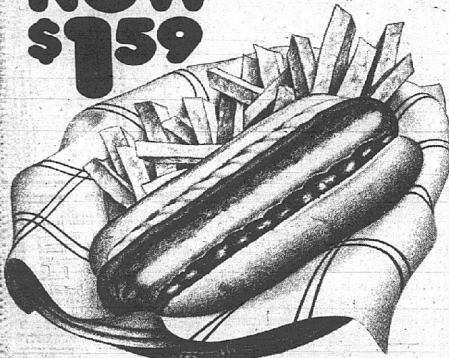
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Crummitt

James Alan Crummitt, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Anne West) Crummitt, 3801 Rodney Drive, was stillborn at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1987, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Other survivors include one sister, Ashley Lynn Crummitt, and a brother, Eric Scott Crummitt, both at home, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crummitt, Washington Park, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West, Pontoon Beach; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stalger, Collinsville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West, Granite City.

Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Cemetery, 2901 Namekiki Road, by Gale Thornton, Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, was in charge of the arrangements.

Kelio

Nicholas W. Kelio, 66, of Granite City, died at 12:37 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was a patient for one day.

Born in Madison, he was a lifelong resident of the Quad City Area. Mr. Kelio worked at Conalco in Madison for 28 years and retired there in June 1985 as a millwright.

Mr. Kelio was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

He and his wife, the former Mary Marino, who survives, were married on May 2, 1953, in St. Louis.

Survivors include one brother, Peter Kelio of Granite City, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Kondrat, Madison, and Mrs. Joe (Helen) Sveda, Granite City.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. Saturday and will continue all day Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, where a prayer service was held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Father Chuck Edwards will celebrate at 9:30 a.m. Mass Monday at St. Elizabeth Church, Pontoon and Johnson roads, with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville, Masses are requested as memorials.

Lauderdale

Mrs. Mable Lauderdale, 86, of 405 Adams St., Brooklyn, died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 1987, at Gateway Community Hospital, East St. Louis, where she was a patient.

Born June 10, 1900, in Baton Rouge, La., Mrs. Lauderdale resided in the Metro East Area for the past 52 years.

She was a member of St. Mark Church of God in Christ in East St. Louis.

Among the survivors are two sons, Arthur N. Robinson of Washington Park and Eddie Lauderdale Jr. of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Lur Elsie Maggiano of St. Louis; 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mark Church of God in Christ with Elder Claude Radloff, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt. Friends called at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

Mathenia

Karen Sue Mathenia, 21, of 3139 Wayne Ave., ill for nine months with Wilson's disease, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was admitted to the hospital in July 1986.

She was born in East St. Louis and lived most of her life in Granite City. Miss Mathenia was employed for some time at a dress boutique in Texas before returning to this area.

She attended the Word of Life Tabernacle.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David (Linda) Moneymaker; Mathenia; one sister, Sharon Mathenia, and a brother, David Mathenia, both at home; grandparents, Louis Moneymaker and Maxine Moneymaker and Maxine

Watson, all of Granite City; and a great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson of Flat, Mo.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where the Rev. Henry Crippen will officiate at 10 a.m. services Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

O'Connell

Shirley Jane (Endicott) O'Connell, 52, of Granite City, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in St. Louis, she lived in this area for 17 years. She was employed as a nurse's aide at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Mrs. O'Connell was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

Her only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Dillon of Chatham, N.J.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday. Father Francis Tebanga will officiate at 10 a.m. services Monday at the funeral home, with burial following at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Plese

John M. Plese Sr., 76, of Florissant, Mo., formerly of Madison, died at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 1987, at Christian Hospital North-west of St. Louis County. He was a patient there about 12 hours.

Mr. Plese was born Dec. 27, 1910, in Madison, where he attended school and worked for several years. He was of the Protestant faith.

Prior to retiring, Mr. Plese was employed 30 years as a furnace operator at American Steel Foundries.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruby D. (Evers) Plese; a stepson, William J. Suprenant of St. Louis; a brother, Charles Plese of Granite City; and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Stengel of Collinsville.

Visitation is to take place from 4 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at Buchholz Mortuary, 1645 Redman Ave., Spanish Lake, Mo., where services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Skeen

Funeral services were held March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 30 Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, who died March 16, 1987, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon. The funeral was at a Belleville funeral home, and burial took place at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Frame was active in Gabriel Chapter 97 of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Rob Morris Chapter 98 of the Order of Eastern Star, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, the New Life Club at the Women's Club and the Belleville Church of the Bible. She was past president of the Belle County Club and of the Edwardsville Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold R. Skeen, and by two brothers, Gilbert and Roy Frank Riddle.

Her daughter and son-in-law, Doris Ann and Leonard "Andy" Anderson of Collinsville, are former Granite Cityans. He owns and operates Andy's Service Station at 22nd Street and Madison Avenue.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Francis Andrews of Edwardsville; two grandchildren, Randall Anderson of Granite City and Diana Anderson of Collinsville; and two great-grandchildren, Colin and Cody Anderson.

Wilbur

Ronald A. Wilbur, 73, of 2617 Iowa St., died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was a patient since March 14.

Born June 23, 1913, in New York State, Mr. Wilbur resided here for 38 years. He was employed 41

years in federal civil service prior to retiring.

Mr. Wilbur was a veteran of World War II and a member of Granite City Eagles Aerie 1126 and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was of the Baptist faith. His wife, Gladys, died in 1977.

Among the survivors are three sons, Gary, Richard and Robin Wilbur, all of Granite City; a daughter, Mrs. John (Sharon) Daley of Granite City; a brother, Howard Wilbur of Mojave, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Rudy (Dorothy) Eckl of Hamacross, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Friends may call 877-6500 for details.

The proposal would increase total mandatory fees for full-time students by 3 percent, raising the University Center fee from \$20 to \$23 per quarter for a full-time student taking 12 to 18 hours.

The proposed increase is \$2 less than the \$5 increase recommended by the University Center Board, the advisory body for the center. The recommendation for a \$3 increase was advanced by the Student Senate.

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SIU center fee increase proposed

A \$3 increase in the University Center fee at SIUE was proposed March 12 to the Board of Trustees.

The proposal will be considered at the April 9 board meeting, at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. If approved, the increase will be effective with the collection of fees for the summer quarter.

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Those expected to be present to salute Briggs include his successor, Superintendent-elect Harry Briggs Jr.; State Education Superintendent Ted Sanders; and SIUE President Earl Lazerson.

Other special events will feature musical performing groups from Staunton High School in Macoupin County and from East Alton Junior High School and Granite City High School in Madison County. More than 40 educational exhibits containing information and materials on teaching will be arranged in the University Center.

Madison County has traditionally put forth much effort in developing its institute program and this year is no exception. The master program has been in the planning process since October 1986, when the county committee meeting was held.

Members of this committee represent every public school district as well as nonpublic schools in Madison County. They sought to develop a quality program for the county's needs of all certified educators in the region.

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Plans call for three major presentations in the Meridian Ballroom. Headlining the early morning session will be Pat McNally, former place-kicker with the National Football League's Cincinnati Bengals. His address, "Education and Sports: A Winning Team," will focus on the school athlete and academic standards.

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needs of his department, he said. The computer should be installed within 60 days, Harris said. Training will begin before that, he said.

"I'm glad I was able to help him (Harris) in that area where he's got a good police department," said 6th Ward Alderman Woody Mond, police committee chairman. "I think it will make it a better run operation."

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Computer for police given green light

gle vendor for computer hardware, software and training. It was also selected because it is compatible with the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting system and can be modified to meet the

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Brace found guilty in Hoffman murders

man house in Bruce's bathroom. A doorknob said to be from his backyard was found in a field near to Bruce's property.

The Hoffman bodies were discovered in their home May 1 by an employee of Mr. Hoffman's realty firm, Mrs. Hoffman's daughter, Jennifer Seago, was found unharmed in the Bruce house. The bodies were found in a stove's gas burners and placed a lit candle near them. No explanation occurred.

Mr. Hoffman, 49, was president of Carl Hoffman Realty Co. which was located at 2848 Madison Ave. Hoffman, 27, performed clerical work there. They were married Dec. 18, 1985.

Bruce was arrested May 8 while recovering from a self-inflicted gun shot wound he suffered May 3 at his home.

Lottery

Results of the Illinois State Lottery were:

Thursday, March 19: 214

Pick 4 Game: 7542

Friday, March 20: 724

Pick 4 Game: 9566



Tracie Bouch and Charles Mizell

Bouch-Mizell

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Mary Lou) Bird of Granite City announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tracy Lynn Bouch, to Charles Donald Mizell.

Miss Bouch is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and is presently employed by Coordinated Youth Services as a secretary.

Mizell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey (Sue) Mizell of Granite City. He is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Pantera's Pizza as assistant manager. He also is a part-time employee of Campbell Ambulance Service Inc. and is a member of the Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

They are planning a 1988 spring wedding.

Katana to lead Venice Lions

Gregory Katana has been elected as the 1987-88 president of the Venice Lions Club, succeeding Green Jacks.

The nominating committee had proposed the following active members for offices in the new year:

President, Gregory Katana; first vice president, Marion Guest; second vice president, William Singleton; treasurer, Green Jacks; lion tamer, Emanuel Wallace.

The regular Venice Lions Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Venice Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m.

Lions board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Venice Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

Opti-Mrs. Club honors members

The Opti-Mrs. held a St. Patrick's Day party at Charlie's Restaurant, hosted by Gladys Pape, Louise Anderson and Helen Buehner.

The invocation was given by Gladys Pape and the Opti-Mrs. Creed was led by Louise Anderson.

President Georgia Engelke conducted the business segment.

A new member, Andrea Scott, was welcomed into the club.

Birthday honors were accord-

ed Mildred Branding, Helen Wyman and Gladys Pape. Games were played and prize winners were Dorothy McCauley, Georgia Engelke, Kay Hall, Helen Wyman and Dorothy Melvin.

Others present were Marge O'Neill, Tomea Kirchoff, Linda Irwin, Edna Bickel, Lorain Rant, Virginia John, Ann Little, Patricia Konzen, Myra Parrish and Jane Giese.

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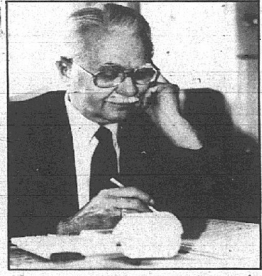
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Crummitt

James Alan Crummitt, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Famein West) Crummitt, 3801 Rodney Drive, was stillborn at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 1987, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. Other survivors include his mother, Ashley Lynn Crummitt, and a brother, Eric Scott Crummitt, both at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crummitt, Washington Park, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West, Pontoon Beach; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stalger, Collinsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West, Granite City. Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Cemetery, 2801 Nameoki Road, by Gale Thornton, Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2206 Pontoon Road, was in charge of the arrangements.

Kello

Nicholas W. Kello, 66, of Granite City, died at 12:07 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was a patient for one day. Born in Madison, he was a life-long resident of the Quad City Area. Mr. Kello worked at Conalco in Madison for 28 years and retired there in June 1982 as a millwright. Mr. Kello was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. He and his wife, the former Mary Marano, who survives, were married on May 2, 1953, in St. Louis. Survivors include one brother, Peter Kello of Granite City, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Koran, Madison, and Mrs. Joe (Helen) Svada, Granite City. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Saturday and will continue all day Sunday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2206 Pontoon Road, where a prayer service was held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Father Chuck Edwards will conduct the service. Mass Monday at St. Elizabeth Church, Pontoon and Johnson roads, with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville. Masses are requested as memorials.

Lauderdale
Mrs. Mable Lauderdale, 86, of 406 Adams St., Brooklyn, died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 1987, at Gateway Community Hospital, East St. Louis, where she was a patient 11 days. Born June 10, 1900, in Baton Rouge, La., Mrs. Lauderdale resided in the Metro East Area for the past 32 years. She was a member of St. Mark Church of God in Christ in East St. Louis. Among the survivors are two sons, Arthur N. Robinson of Washington Park and Eddie Lauderdale Jr. of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Margaret Lauderdale, 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mark Church of God in Christ with Elder Claude Ratliff, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt. Friends called at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

Matheria

Karen Sue Mathenia, 21, of 3139 Wayne Ave., Ill. for nine months with Wilson's disease, died at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was admitted to the hospital in July 1986. She was born in East St. Louis and lived most of her life in Granite City. Miss Mathenia was employed for some time at a dress boutique in Texas before returning to this area. She attended the Word of Life Tabernacle. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David (Linda Moneymaker) Mathenia; one sister, Sharon Mathenia, and a brother, David Mathenia, both at home; grandparents, Louis Mathenia and Melvin Moneymaker and Maxine

Watson, all of Granite City; and a great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson of Flat, Mo. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where the Rev. Henry Crippen will officiate at 10 a.m. services Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

O'Connell

Shirley Jane (Endicott) O'Connell, 52, of Granite City, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Born in St. Louis, she lived in this area for 17 years. She was employed as a nurse's aide at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Mrs. O'Connell was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Her only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Dillon of Chatham, N.J. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Lahay-Sedlack Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday. Father Francis Tehananga will officiate at 10 a.m. services Monday at the funeral home, with burial following at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Plese

John M. Plesse Sr., 76, of Florissant, Mo. former of Madison, died at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 1987, at Christian Hospital Northwest in St. Louis County. He was a patient there about 12 hours. Mr. Plesse was born Dec. 27, 1910, in Madison, where he attended school and resided for several years. He was of the Protestant faith. Prior to retiring, Mr. Plesse was employed 38 years as a furnace operator at American Steel Foundries. Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ruby D. (Byers) Plesse, a stepson, William J. Surprenant of St. Louis; a brother, Charles Plesse of Granite City; and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Stengel of Collinsville. Visitation is to take place from 4 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at Buchholz Funeral Home, 1645 Redman Ave., Spanish Lake, Mo., where services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Skeen

Funeral services were held March 18 for Zelma L. (Riddle) Skeen, 86, of Collinsville, former of Granite City, who died March 16, 1987, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon. The funeral was at a Belleville funeral home, and burial took place at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Mr. Skeen was active in Gabriel Chapter 97 of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Rob Morris Chapter 98 of the Order of Eastern Star, St. Matthew United Methodist Church, the New Life Club of the church and the Belleville Women's Club. She was past president of the Bell Community Club and of the Edwardsville Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold R. Skeen, and by two brothers, Gilbert and Roy Frank Riddle. Her daughter and son-in-law, Doris Ann and Leonard "Andy" Anderdale, of Collinsville, are former Granite Cityans. He owns and operates Andy's Service Station at 23rd Street and Madison Avenue. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Francis Andrews of Edwardsville; two grandchildren, Randall Anderson of Granite City and Diana Anderson of Collinsville; and two great-grandchildren, Colin and Cody Anderson.

Wilbur

Ronald A. Wilbur, 73, of 2617 Iowa St., died at 12:38 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he was a patient since March 14. Born June 23, 1913, in New York City, Mr. Wilbur resided here for 38 years. He was employed 41

years in federal civil service prior to retiring. Mr. Wilbur was a veteran of World War II and a member of Granite City Eagles Aerie 1126 and the American Association of Retired Persons. He was of the Baptist faith. His wife, Gladys Wilbur, died in 1977. Among the survivors are three sons, Gary, Richard and Robin Wilbur, all of Granite City; a daughter, Mrs. John (Sharon) Daley of Granite City; a brother, Howard Wilbur of Mojave, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Rudy (Dorothy) Eckl of Hannacrois, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Friends may call 877-6500 for details.

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Menus
Granite City Public Schools
Monday - Manager's choice.
Tuesday - Manager's choice.
Wednesday - Fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, chilled apple sauce.
Thursday - Taco with cheese, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.
Friday - Institute day - no school.
Madison Public Schools
Monday - Cheesecake with dill slices, French fries, peas.
Tuesday - Beef and gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, apple crisp.
Wednesday - Chili mac, carrot and celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, peaches, fruit mix.
Thursday - Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, beans, gelatin.
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Madison Public Schools
Monday - Cheese toastie, vegetable soup, crackers, carrot sticks, applesauce.
Tuesday - Beef and greens with ham, sweet potatoes, cornbread, lime jelly with fruit.
Wednesday - Barbecue chicken, peas, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes.
Thursday - Fish fillet, spaghetti, cole slaw, peaches.
Friday - Institute day - no school.
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
Monday - Pizza, corn, celery and carrot sticks, peanut butter crackers, blueberry muffins.
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, French fries, peas, applesauce, cupcakes.
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St. Elizabeth
Monday - Ravioli with meat sauce, salad, chocolate pudding.
Tuesday - Chicken, peas, corn, potato sticks, raisins.

Grassroots
Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:
NAMEOKI TOWNSHIP, 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, 4250 Illinois 162.
GRANITE CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.
PONTON BEACH VILLAGE BOARD, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 3910 Illinois 111.
GRANITE CITY SCHOOL BOARD, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2000 Edison Ave.
CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 (special meeting).
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Boulch-Mizell

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Mary Lou) Bird of Granite City announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tracy Lynn Boulch, to Charles Donald Mizell.

Miss Boulch is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and is presently employed by Coordinated Youth Services as a secretary.

Mrs. Dickey (Sue) Mizell of Granite City. He is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Pantera's Pizza as assistant manager. He also is a part-time employee of Campbell Ambulance Service Inc. and is a member of the Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

They are planning a 1988 spring wedding.

Katana to lead Venice Lions

Gregory Katana has been elected as the 1987-88 president of the Venice Lions Club, succeeding Green Jacks.

The nominating committee had proposed the following active members for offices in the new year:

President, Gregory Katana; first vice president, Marion Guest; second vice president, Lapoleon Jacks; third vice president, Charles J. McCaskill; sec-

retary, William Singleton; treasurer, Green Jacks; lion tamer, Green Jacks Jr.; and lion twister, Emanuel Wallace.

The regular Venice Lions Club meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Venice Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m.

Lions board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Venice Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

Opti-Mrs. Club honors members

The Opti-Mrs. held a St. Patrick's Day party at Charlie's Restaurant, hosted by Gladys Pape, Louise Anderson and Helen Buenger.

The invocation was given by Gladys Pape and the Opti-Mrs. Creed was led by Louise Anderson.

President Georgia Engelke conducted the business segment. A new member, Andrea Scott, was welcomed into the club.

Birthday honors were accorded

ed Mildred, Branding, Helen Wyman and Gladys Pape. Games were played and prize winners were Dorothy McCauley, Georgia Engelke, Kay Hall, Helen Wyman and Dorothy Melvin.

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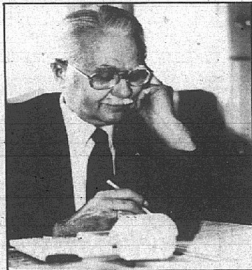
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Mrs. James Glik

Glik-Pettigrew

Angela Dee Pettigrew and James Matthew Glik was married Feb. 7 at Westwood Country Club, St. Louis. Rabbi Jeffrey Stiffman performed the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Westwood Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Arla Pettigrew and Donald L. Pettigrew of Kirkwood.

She selected her sister Donna Pettigrew-Hicks, as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Cathy Diaz, the bride's sister, and Judy Glik, Julie Hodges, Lisa Walsh and Kim Zimmer.

The groom is the son of

Joseph W. Glik of Clayton, Mo., and the late Gussie Kapp Glik. He chose his father, Joseph Glik, as best man. Groomsman were Ted Rosdy, Johnson Schaff, Bob Tamsky and Robert Glik and Jeffrey Glik, the groom's brothers.

Ushers were Dan George and Potter Varley.

The bride is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University and is employed by Ann Taylor Shops. The groom is a vice president at Glik's Stores, Granite City.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in University City.



Linda Franklin and Elzie McMillion

Franklin-McMillion

Linda Franklin, daughter of Theresa and Frank Franklin Sr. of Venice, and Elzie McMillion Jr., son of Mary and Elzie McMillion Sr. of Madison, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Miss Franklin is a Madison High School graduate and is

employed by American Rental of Belleville as a secretary. Her fiancé is a Madison High School graduate and is employed by Mercantile Bank of St. Louis as an accountant. The couple is planning a March 28 wedding.

Auxiliary holds memorial service

Memorial services for deceased members of Eagles Auxiliary 1126 were held at the Eagles Home. Leading the ceremony were the president, Linda Clayton, junior past president Vincine Zerlan, vice president Yvonne Gray, chaplain Helen Lipchik and conductor, Ann Konopka, who draped the charter.

Clayton presided over the meeting and read an invitation from the Jerseyville Auxiliary to attend its anniversary meeting on March 22. The Granite City ritual team installed the Jerseyville Auxiliary more than 25 years ago, she said.

Applications of four candidates for membership were balloted on and they will be initiated March 24.

Visiting Chairman Konopka reported sending get-well cards, to three members, and sympathy cards to the families of Carl Buehler, Vincine Zerlan and Ruth Jorgenson.

Carol Hill was escorted to the altar and was presented with a gift from Florence Hagnauer in appreciation of her help during the state officers' weekend. Prizes were awarded to Belle Bozif and Wanda Aiken.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Susie Oliver and Hagnauer at tables decorated in the St. Patrick's theme.

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Jeffrey Green and Julie Blackwood

Blackwood-Green

Julie Jonell Blackwood, daughter of Billy and Judy Blackwood of Granite City, and Jeffrey Allan Green, son of Greg and Mary McCall of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Miss Blackwood, a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School,

is employed by A.G. Edwards of St. Louis as a secretary.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School and is serving in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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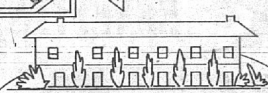
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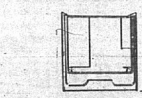
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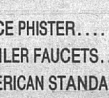
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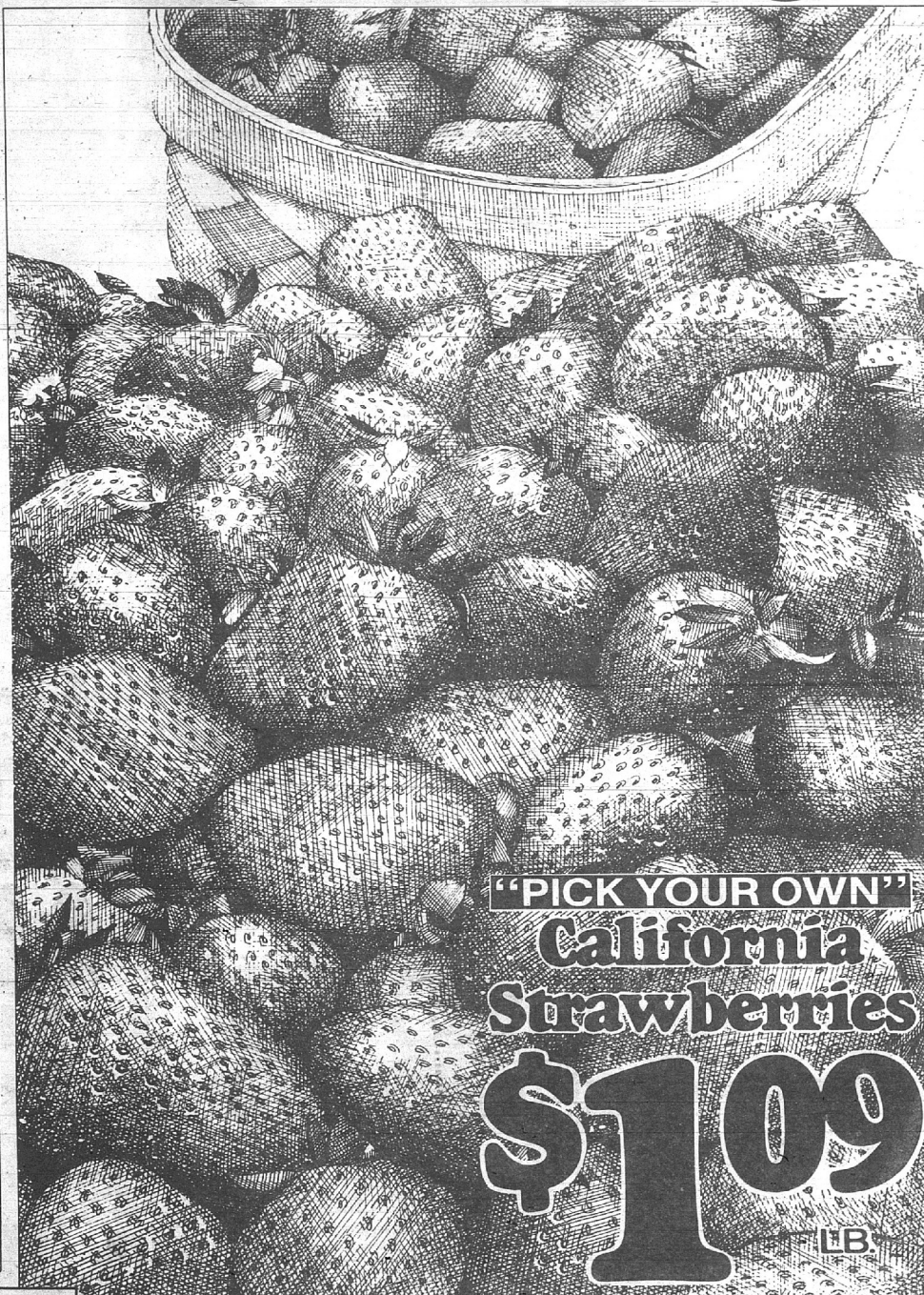
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Martin-Stephens

Christine Stephens and Lawrence Martin were married Dec. 5 at Son-Life Church in Collinsville by Tim Gustafson.

The maid of honor was Melissa Smith, a sister of the bride. The best man was Delbert Tankersley.

The flower girl was Shannon Kraus and the ringbearer was Scott Kraus, a niece and nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Claude Bandy and Jerry Rider.

A reception was held at the church hall.

After a wedding trip to the Lake of the Ozarks, the couple moved to Edwardsville.

The bride is employed by Granite City Steel as a control specialist and the groom is employed by Granite City Steel as an electrician.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ozanich

Ozanich-Evanoff

Christine Marie Evanoff and Michael J. Ozanich were married Jan. 31 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Father Bill Fisherkeller.

The bride is the daughter of Anthony E. and Olga Evanoff of Granite City and the groom is the son of Matthew J. and Miriam Ozanich of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Mona File and the best man was Lloyd Green.

Ushers were Scott Hasse and

Jim Strack.

A reception was held at Chouteau Township Hall. The couple resides in Granite City.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Lueders, Robertson & Konzen of Granite City as a secretary.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Master Typographers Inc. of Shrewsbury, Mo., as an apprentice cameraman.

Christian Singles plan for egg hunt

The Christian Singles group met March 17 at Emmanuel Baptist Church to enjoy a corned beef and cabbage pot luck supper.

Special guest was Paul Miles, who entertained the group with special music. Pastor Bill Mullis gave a devotional.

Olive Joyner and Mary Reed

performed a skit. Plans were made for an Easter egg hunt and fellowship at Wilson Park Shelter 2, Benton Street side, on April 11 at 2 p.m.

The next pot luck will be April 21. After the meeting, the group enjoyed Irish tunes and was dismissed in prayer by Olyn Phillips.

Navy Mothers pick committee

A nominating committee to serve the Quad City Navy Mothers, Chapter 850, was chosen at a meeting held at the VFW Hall, with Commander Nina Molsinger presiding.

Committee members include Molsinger, Norma Darnell, Jennie Silvey, Jean Teller and Edna Miller.

The group finalized plans to host an auction at the next meeting and Jim George of Collinsville will be the auctioneer. A special prize and mystery package were won by Mary Kosco.

The commander announced applications for membership in

the organization are being accepted by Darnell at 877-5049.

Prior to the meeting, 17 members attended dinner at Bonanza.



Church Women United plan spring programs

Church Women United of the Quad City Area held their board meeting March 17 at Central Christian Church.

The meeting was opened with the reading of a poem by Mrs. Lena Seitzer, president.

Mrs. Seitzer conducted the business meeting, which included planning of projects to be initiated in the near future.

The Tri-City Mission Committee will be in charge of "A Crop Walk for Hunger," which will be a six-mile walk in Granite City. This will be the first of a planned annual event. All organizations and churches in the area will be invited to participate.

An invitation from the United Hebrew Temple of St. Louis to attend a meeting March 30 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. was read. The topic to be discussed is "Women of Faith in the '80s - Women in the Clergy."

The annual state assembly of Church Women United in Illinois

will be held on May 15-16 at Urbana.

The May Fellowship Celebration will be held on May 1 at St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ. A salad luncheon will be served and tickets are \$2. The theme of the meeting will be "Heritage." The public is invited to attend, the president said.

An annual program, "Music, Music, Music," will be held on June 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church. Musical groups from the area will perform. Tickets will be \$2 and refreshments will be served.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Louise Anderson.

Board members attending were Dorothy Kinney, Beth Spengler, Dolores Allen, Jane Kennerly, Elizabeth Briggs, Mae Lee, Betty Peterson, Ruth Jensen, Flora Mae Lensing, Dolores Vogeler, Mable Gertsch, Ola Jones and Gladys Williams.

Butterflies meeting topic

Wanda Herman hosted the March meeting of the Thorngate Garden Club and served a luncheon at tables decorated for St. Patrick Day. The members received favors of handmade travel earrings.

Herman conducted the business meeting. Lillian Delps received the traveling basket from Pat Polley and it contained a stained glass gift.

Clara Schilling installed the new officers. Betty King as president, Pat Polley vice president, June Lux secretary and Beula Miller, treasurer. It was voted by the members to change the meeting time to 12:30 p.m.

Herman said Thorngate Garden Club was organized 30 years ago.

A white elephant sale will be held at the home of Beula Miller in April.

A detailed report was given by Herman on "The Butterfly." She

related the different stages of development of a butterfly. There are 20,000 species ranging from a half-inch wide to 10 inches or more. There is great diversity of color, size and structure among butterflies.

In Pacific Grove, Calif., thousands of monarch butterflies travel each year on a long journey to take advantage of the warm weather. They gather together on branches of trees, making an unusual sight. Thousands of visitors go each year to see this display.

Each member brought to the meeting a butterfly to show and tell about.

Those present were Joyce Betorf, Enid Bolen, Jean Bethel, Lillian Delps, Wanda Fitzsimmons, Betty King, June Lux, June Markham, Beula Miller, Pat Polley, Clara Schilling and Jan White. Guests were Dorothy Kinney and Lucille Mercer.

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Miss Britt is a 1979 graduate of Ballard Memorial High School in Barlow, Ky. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Carol Britt of Granite City.

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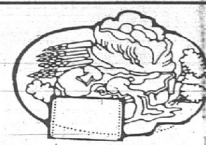
Wesley Cottrells to mark anniversary

Area relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cottrell of Dover, Tenn., will attend the 50th wedding anniversary of the couple on Sunday, March 29, at the Taylor

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An open house reception will be hosted by their children and grandchildren from 2 to 4 p.m., a family spokesman said.

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Beasley-Doty

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Doty, 2733 W. 22nd St., and the groom is the son of Paul D. Beasley of Kentucky and Carolyn Sanders of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Kelley Papp, the groom's cousin.

The best man was Mark Lange and the groomsman was

Dennis L. Beasley II, a son of the groom.

A reception was held at the home of Mark and Linda Lange.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of Granite City High School South and is employed by Illinois Eye Specialists Ltd. of Granite City as an ophthalmic technician.

The groom is a 1978 graduate of Ballard Memorial High School South and is employed by A.E. Lottes of St. Louis as a warehouseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison mark 69th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan (Helen) Harrison, 2562 Cleveland Blvd., observed their 69th wedding anniversary March 9.

The local couple was married on March 9, 1918, in Belleville and resided in Christopher, Ill., until moving here in 1936.

Mr. Harrison retired in 1969. He was employed at Granite City Ice and Fuel Co. from 1926 to 1947, when he left to accept an appointment as a state auditor.

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Girl kickers have strength in numbers

By Gina Reynolds
Correspondent

GRANITE CITY — With a total of 70 girls out for this year's Granite City varsity girls soccer squad, coach Mike Velloff appears to have the talent necessary to produce another winning season.

After posting a 9-3-3 record last year, the Warriors will set out to nab even more victories as they take the field in their opener this Thursday at 4 p.m. in an away game against Ritenour.

From last year's team, Velloff lost nine seniors, eight of whom were starters. This caused the coach to implement a rebuilding program.

"Getting together as a team has really been a problem," Velloff said.

For although he has a number of good players, they have very little experience working as a team.

Despite some pre-season difficulties, Velloff believes the team is now on the right track. Returning for the Warriors are 16 seniors, several of which have the experience and depth to provide strength and leadership for the team.

One such leader comes in the form of senior striker Angie Moore, whom Velloff touts as a versatile player who is able to read defenses well.

"She is an exceptional player, and has been since she started playing," Velloff said.

Although he lost most of his defensive starters, two key players are his goalies who have manned the position for three years, Diana Takmajian and DeRunz. Velloff also expects a strong showing from hard-working senior Sheila Noel. In addition to his veterans, Velloff is excited about the



Mike Velloff

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3/26 Ritenour	4 p.m.
3/27 McCluer	4 p.m.
4/9 INCARNATE WORD	4 p.m.
4/10 Metro East Lutheran	4 p.m.
4/11 PEORIA BERGAN	9 a.m.
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4/20 McCLUER NORTH	4 p.m.
4/20 METRO EAST LUTHERAN	4 p.m.
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potential he sees in sophomore sweeper back Becky Lupardus, who according to the coach, may end up playing this year on the varsity squad.

"She has the experience at sweeper back, and I'm seriously thinking about using her," he said.

Even though the season-opener is just around the corner, Velloff has yet to ink his starting lineup, saying it will take a lot of



(Staff photo by Dave Whalen)

A LARGE GROUP of returning seniors highlights the 1987 Granite City girls soccer team. Front row from left are Diana Takmajian, Heather Crane, co-captain Angie Moore, Sheila Noel, Kim Ames and Susan Conkovich. Back row

"look-see" to determine who will do what. After playing that first game, he anticipates making many adjustments.

"I told the girls all I have to do next Thursday is put 11 people on the field, and who they are, I really don't know," he said.

The girls have always run into fierce competition, and this year should prove to be no different. With the exception of Collinsville, a friendly rival of the Warriors, and Metro East Lutheran, all of the games will be played against some competitive teams from Missouri.

"Whenever you go across the river, you play some very good teams," Velloff said.

Although it faces a rough schedule, Velloff believes his team can hold up throughout the season and come out on top.

"We can do well if we just set our minds to it," he said. "But we usually wait for the first two games."

At this early stage in the season, Velloff hasn't noticed any major improvements in his returning players, but maintains it is still too early to tell.

"They know what I want," Velloff said. "It's just a matter of getting it back together."

According to Velloff, the girls are heading into the season with a "put us on the field, coach, and we'll win the game" optimism.

"They feel they can't be beat-

en," he said. "It's a great attitude to have."

As far as setting any goals for the team, Velloff is careful not to place unnecessary pressure on the girls, but hopes to improve on last year's record and defeat a couple of teams that beat the Warriors last season.

"Sometimes, if you set goals and don't meet them, you feel like you haven't had a fine season," Velloff said. "You can lose every game and still have an

excellent year if you keep the attitudes up."

NOTES: A state tournament in girls soccer is a distinct possibility for 1988. Alton is considering adopting a program, with the possibility of fielding a junior varsity team this year. "Once you get them, then you might get Edwardsville, then the Belleville schools, and it could really grow," Velloff said. There are now 61 varsity programs in the state.

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KEVIN GUNDAKER will highlight the first event of the year at Tri-City Speedway April 3-4, the All-Star Circuit of Champions.

Tri-City season to begin with Circuit of Champions

By Joe Senter
Correspondent

GRANITE CITY — Kevin Gundaker of St. Louis will highlight the season-opener at Tri-City Speedway April 3-4 with the All-Star Circuit of Champions late model stock cars.

The all-stars opened the 1987 season in February at the Florida National Speedway in Tampa. Tri-City will be the next stop for the stock car group.

Gundaker, driving a brand new Larry Shaw-built chassied Firebird powered by a Chevy engine and sponsored by the Gundaker Real Estate Co. of St. Louis, won the first 50-lap feature event in the Florida Nationals and finished third in the second 50-lap event. The pit crew was led by Mike Null and Gary Archambault, the 1986 Allied Auto Racing Sportsman's Car top driver and the track champion at the Mid-State Raceway

in White City, Ill.

Also featured at the event will be Granite City's Mike Wallace, the Tri-City Speedway champion of 1986 and Illinois U.M.P. Late Model stock car champion. Also on hand will be Larry Moore, Larry Phillips, Charlie Schwartz, Dick Taylor and many more.

A practice will be held on Sunday, March 29. The regular weekly season will start April 11 and will be racing U.M.P. late model stock cars, super modifieds, sportsman's cars and street stock cars every Saturday night.

Vince Gharardi, the new director of the track, has many more special events on the schedule and is offering a family season pass. Gates open each night at 5 p.m., with racing at 8 p.m. at the speedway, located on Illinois 203 just south of Interstate 270. For more information, call Gharardi at 876-0222.

GCC puts two players on all-conference team

Five Belleville Area College basketball players — three Belleville Campus Dutchmen and two Granite City Stars — have been named to the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference all-conference teams.

The Stars' Kirt Robinson and the Dutchmen's Mike Lyerson were named to the first team. Joe Champey and Sherman Igges, both from BAC, and Perry Jones from GCC, were named to the honorable mention team.

Robinson, of Abilene, Tex., led the conference in scoring and rebounding with 22.7 points and

7.1 rebounds per game.

Lyerson, of Indianapolis, led the Dutchmen in scoring and rebounding with 13.9 and 5.7 averages. He also ranked fifth in the conference in blocked shots with 32.

Igges, of Chicago, averaged 13.2 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. Champey averaged 11.3 and 4.9 rebounds per game.

Jones, of St. Louis, was the conference's second leading rebounder with a 9.5 average, despite a season hampered by injuries. He also averaged 14.6 points per game.

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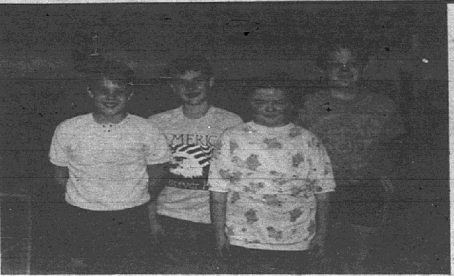
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Young bowlers

BOWLAND LANES of Granite City held a bowling tournament for youths March 8. In the 9-pin no tap Major Junior division (left) top finishers were, from left, Matt Harper (3rd), Doug Buehrer (1st), Mark Chapman (2nd) and



Bruce David (4th). In the 8-pin no tap Prep-Bantam division (middle) top finishers were, from left, Eric Hornberger of Cottonwood Lanes (1st), Chris Hensley (4th), Tammy Menendhall (3rd) and Steve Chapman (2nd). Two bowlers (right)



bowled 300 games. They were John Cozlar and Doug Buehrer in 9-pin no tap competition. All the bowlers except Hornberger represented Bowland Lanes.

Robinson succeeding on, off basketball court

Kirt Robinson hopes to trade one court for another.

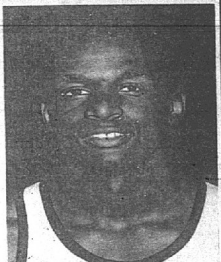
The 6-2, 185-pound basketball forward for the Granite City Campus Stars would like to fulfill a promise to his father and attend law school when his basketball days are behind him. "Basketball won't be here forever, at least not for me," said Robinson, 20, the son of Curtis and Doris Robinson of Abilene, Texas. "I'm here to earn a degree and go on with my education."

After a solid prep basketball career, Robinson, a B average student, was passed over by four-year colleges because of a low ACT score.

Many hours of hard work — on and off the GCC basketball court — paid off. Robinson made the dean's list during the spring 1986 semester and was the leading scorer in the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference this season with an average of 22.7 points per game. He was also named to the all-conference squad.

"Here is a student who has an interest in basketball and is committed to getting a degree," said GCC coach and athletic director Terry Collins. "I can't imagine a better use of college resources."

Robinson, who holds GCC's



Kirt Robinson

single-game scoring record of 42 points, is being recruited by several NCAA Division II and NAIA colleges. He agrees that basketball helped him prepare for his future.

"It's what kept me in school," he said. "The popularity of being an athlete — everyone in school knowing me — has given me reasons to keep up a good self-image and make the grades."

9 Warriors named to all-SWC wrestling team

Nine wrestlers from Granite City were named to the all-Southwestern Conference team announced this week.

The Warriors placed three of the four wrestlers who advanced to the state tournament on the first team and had four first-teamers in all. Brent Davis, a 98-pounder, was a first-team selection. He had a 27-5 record and advanced to state as a sophomore.

Jon Morgan (138 pounds) was another state qualifier who was on the first team. Morgan had a 23-8 record. Paul Brandt (167 pounds) carried a 28-3 record to the state meet and first team honors. Tracy Morrison (132 pounds) was also a first-team choice with a 20-5 mark.

Rich Wilson, the other Warrior to go to state, was named on the second team behind Collinsville's Todd Blaylock. Wilson had a 27-10 record. Another second-team selection from Granite City was Bill Fitzgerald (112 pounds, 11-6 record).

Honorable mention selections from the Warriors were Scott Moss (119, 16-12), Dave Knogl (145, 23-10) and Ross Karbarski (heavyweight, 11-6).

The rest of the first team was Jason Storer, Belleville East, 105 senior, 30-6; Derek Brooks, East St. Louis senior, 26-1; Jim Arendell, Belleville East, 119 senior, 29-3; Steve Vogt, Collinsville, 145 senior, 12-2; Jerry Sauerwein, Belleville East, 155 senior, 17-15-2; Rick Barrett, Belleville East, 185 senior, 27-5; and John Hilkey, Belleville West, heavyweight senior, 28-2.

The second team consisted of Belleville West's Joe Fye, East St. Louis' Henry Willis, East St. Louis' Tyrone Nicholson, Belleville West's Doug Huwer, Belleville East's Craig Schwab, Belleville West's Bob Scharf, East St. Louis' Eugene Jones, Belleville West's Tom Harrison, East St. Louis' Antonio Curran and Collinsville's Frank Clapp.

Honorable mention choices were Collinsville's Tony Capize, Belleville West's Joe Daubach, Collinsville's Mike Murphree, Collinsville's Dale Frey, Belleville's John Tally, Collinsville's Rocky Maxville, Belleville West's John Churchill, Belleville West's Brad Kaemmer, and Collinsville's Wayne Hayden and Tim Griffin.

Sports briefs

Hency to play in Bermuda

Granite City native Bill Hency, a senior at the University of South Carolina, is one of 23 collegiate all-stars traveling to Bermuda for a soccer scrimmage against two Bermuda teams. The event is the first of its kind for the two teams.

The trip, which falls during Bermuda's "College Weeks," is sponsored by Merrill Lynch and the government of Bermuda in association with the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America. College Week started in 1953 when rugby teams from U.S. schools went over to challenge their Bermuda counterparts. In 1968, the Bermuda government took over sponsorship of the program. College Weeks, held from March 2 to April 5 this year, attract more than 10,000 students and athletes each spring.

Park umpires meet March 23

The Granite City Park District will be holding a baseball umpire's clinic March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Brown Recreation Center.

All persons interested in umpiring baseball this summer are urged to attend, as rule changes and positioning will be covered. The clinic will be led by former Granite City High School baseball coach and major league baseball scout Babe Chamption.

For more information, contact Alan Gerard at 876-0806 or the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.

SIUE sponsors 10K run April 11

SIUE will be the site of a 10,000-meter race April 11 at Campus Recreation, Tower Lake Housing and Campus Ministries sponsor their annual "Stride for Cougar Pride" race at 10 a.m.

The 1987 edition of the Stride for Cougar Pride will be divided into six age groups, with separate divisions for men and women. Age groups range from the under 19 division, to the over 60 race, with a 10-year span between

rating the other four classes. The races are scheduled to start and finish at the Vandalia Center, with the course mapped throughout the campus.

Cost of participating is \$10 per run, which is due no later than April 6, is \$5 for SIUE faculty, staff and students, and \$5 for the public. Anyone registering at the Vandalia Center on race day will be charged \$8. Entry fees not only include admission to the race but also a Stride for Cougar Pride T-shirt.

For additional information, or to register for the race, call 692-3246 or 692-2962.

MAC signups are this month

Baseball and softball signups for boys and girls will be held this month by the Mitchell Athletic Club.

Signups are for children who will turn 7 before Dec. 31, 1987 through the age of 15. They will be held at the Mitchell School gym from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 24-25 and March 31-April 1.

Prices for registration are \$18 per child or \$36 per family. For more information, call Ed Smith at 797-1710.

Park leagues still have openings

There are still openings for teams in the Granite City Park District's men's and women's baseball and softball leagues for this summer.

Entry fees for teams are \$150. Anyone interested in entering a team should contact the park office at 877-3058.

QCSA planning soccer tourney

The Quad Cities Soccer Association is planning a spring soccer tournament to be held on the weekends of April 25-26 and May 2-3.

The tournament will be held at an association's complex in Granite City on Illinois Route 3. It will be open to all age group recreation teams only. Fees for the double elimination event will be \$80 and should be submitted by April 4.

Teams interested in playing should call Greg Puszcak at 451-1206 for an application or information.

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